



# **2022 Aspire to Lead Chinese Canadian Leaders' Summit**

**Oct 27 - 30, 2022 | Toronto, Ontario**

**ACCT**  
Foundation



## About ACCT

Established in 2017, the Action, Chinese Canadians Together (ACCT) Foundation builds the capacity of Chinese Canadian leaders committed to creating a more equitable society in Canada.

We facilitate capacity building programs across the country, host leadership conferences such as the *Aspire to Lead Leaders' Summit*, and provide a platform where work in academia can inform work in the community.

We bring together established and emerging Chinese Canadian leaders to collaborate on identifying and breaking down systemic barriers to the full and equal participation of ethno-cultural leaders in Canadian society.

We honour and celebrate the ground breaking achievements of past and present Chinese Canadian leaders in society and equip the next generation of leaders with a keen sense of how their culture shapes and strengthens their leadership.

# Our Founding Members



**The Honourable  
Vivienne Poy**

Former Senator



**The Honourable  
Yuen Pau Woo**

Senator



**Honourable Teresa Woo-  
Paw Executive Council of  
Alberta**

Founding Board Chair and  
former MLA and Cabinet  
member



**David S. Tam**

Partner at Parlee McLaws LLP



**Dr. Henry Yu**

Department of History, UBC and  
Principal, St. John's College,  
UBC

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# About Aspire to Lead Leaders' Summit

The ACCT Aspire to Lead Leaders' Summit started in 2019 with the aim to bring together emerging and established leaders, representing Chinese Canadian achievement from across Canadian society.

ACCT wanted to provide a forum to generate insights and knowledge, and connect inspirational leaders, whose legacy establishes a foundation for lasting impact in efforts, to create a more inclusive and equitable Canada.

## **At our Summit, participants will:**

- be engaged in thought-provoking dialogue with leaders and trailblazers;
- make meaningful connections;
- be supported by a community of leaders to help you on your personal leadership journey; and
- be inspired to lead.



# Our Impact

Attendance from across  
the country:

More than **400** attendees in 2019  
(in-person conference)

More than **300** attendees in 2021  
(virtually)



We bring high calibre speakers from across the nation to inspire and engage in invigorating dialogues with our participants:

## Past speakers include:

- Government officials such as The Honourable Justin Trudeau, The Honourable Mary Ng, The Honourable Yuen Pau-Woo, Deputy Minister, Daniel Quan-Watson
- Business leaders such as Kathy Cheng (President of WS & Co), Evan Hu (Founding Principal of AltoSante), Yung Wu (CEO of MaRS Discovery District)
- And many more. Visit <https://acctfoundation.ca/summit-2021-speakers> to learn more



## **Testimonials from past participants**

**“This Summit gave me the sense of pride of being Chinese Canadian.”**

**“...the whole event was inspirational and mind changing”**

**“Thank you ACCT for putting on this Summit. This truly is a place for Chinese Canadians to share their experiences and elevate their leadership skills.”**



## About 2022 Leaders' Summit - Building Resilience and Social Cohesion

**“When the winds of change blow, some people build walls and others build windmills.”  
Chinese Proverb**

In times of chaos, how you rise above to stand for what is right and what you believe in shows courage and leadership. Over the past few years, we have witnessed an increase in anti-Asian racism and deeper divisions in our society. As such, this year our Summit's theme is on **Building Resilience and Social Cohesion**.

We believe that Chinese Canadians across Canada have a role to play in building resilience and strengthening social cohesion. This Summit will facilitate that by bringing together leaders from different sectors and communities to guide us on how to overcome adversaries and pave a path forward.

We will start the Summit by raising our awareness and understanding of our role with the Indigenous Peoples and other racialized communities such as the Japanese Canadians. Both communities have strong ties to Chinese Canadians. Now, more than ever, we need to examine how we can be an ally and activate that knowledge in our own leadership journey.

The Summit will then dive deeper into invigorating dialogues with aspiring, emerging and established Chinese Canadian leaders who will share their stories on how they overcame obstacles and became more resilient.



## About 2022 Leaders' Summit - Building Resilience and Social Cohesion (continued)

Our aim for this year's in-person Summit is for participants to create meaningful connections, strengthen their leadership skills, and be inspired to take action to build a more inclusive Canada. This year's Summit will also lay the foundation for Summit 2023, which will be the Centennial of the Chinese Exclusion Act.

As the Chinese Proverb goes, **“Don't be afraid to grow slowly, be afraid to stand still.”** This is not the time for us to stand still. This is the time for collective action.

Get ready to be inspired to lead.



# Our 2022 Leaders' Summit Co-Chairs

We are thrilled to have Ms. Lai King Hum and Ms. Zexi Li as our Co-Chairs. Both of them demonstrate leadership in the choices they make in their work and personal lives. We cannot think of a better team that can inspire other Chinese Canadians at this Summit.



## About Ms. Lai King Hum

“Caring is the only daring” defines Lai’s approach to work and life. Lai founded a boutique law firm in 2014, focused on workplace law, human rights, professional regulation, and litigation.

In addition, Lai is a part-time Deputy Judge, Toronto Small Claims Court, Superior Court of Justice, and President of the Ontario Deputy Judges’ associations. She is also one of the three Counsel in the Discrimination and Harassment Counsel Program (a service funded by the Law Society of Ontario), a service that addresses discrimination and harassment by lawyers or paralegals.

Integral to her work and life is Lai’s commitment to the promotion of diversity and inclusion. She has held roles as past-Chair of the Roundtable of Diversity Associations (RODA), a group of legal associations committed to diversity initiatives, and past-President of the Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers (FACL). In recognition of her significant accomplishments in the law and for service to the legal profession, areas of social justice and/or the Asian community, she was awarded the 2020 Distinguished Lawyer Award from FACL.

## Our 2022 Leaders' Summit Co-Chairs (continued)



### About Ms. Zexi Li

Zexi Li is an Ottawa resident and a federal public servant, who is a lead plaintiff in the class action lawsuit against the “Freedom Convoy”, which illegally occupied the streets of Ottawa and tormented her community for several weeks from late January to February 2022. In the face of targeted harassment and threats as a result of her action, Zexi persists in her goals to effect positive change within Ottawa and give a voice to the countless residents affected by the siege.

Originally from Toronto and later, Montreal, Zexi fell in love with the Nation’s Capital during her studies at the University of Ottawa, and chose to make the city her permanent home following graduation.

Zexi received the City of Ottawa’s Mayor’s City Builder award in 2022 for her role in helping silence trucker horns during the three-week occupation that shook many Centretown residents. The award is given to those who demonstrate an extraordinary commitment to making Ottawa a better place today and for the future.

# Our Speakers



**Hon. Mary Ng,  
P.C., M.P.**

—  
**Canada's Minister  
of International  
Trade, Export  
Promotion,  
Small Business  
and Economic  
Development**



**Deputy  
Minister  
Daniel Quan-  
Watson**

—  
**Deputy Minister of  
Crown-Indigenous  
Relations and  
Northern Affairs  
Canada**

*The first and only  
Federal Deputy Minister*



**Honourable  
Teresa Woo-  
Paw Executive  
Council of  
Alberta**

—  
**Founding Board  
Chair and former  
MLA and Cabinet  
member**

*The first Canadian  
woman of Asian descent  
elected to the Alberta  
Legislature and Cabinet  
Minister in Alberta*



**Siu Ming Kwok,  
PhD**

—  
**Academic Director  
of the School of  
Public University  
at University of  
Calgary**

*The first Chinese  
Canadian elected  
President of Canadian  
Council of Social Work  
Regulators*



**Albert Wong**

—  
**Citizenship Judge**

*The first and only Aide  
de camp to LG Ontario  
of Chinese descent*



**Yung Wu**

—  
**CEO of MaRS  
Discovery District**



**Zexi Li**

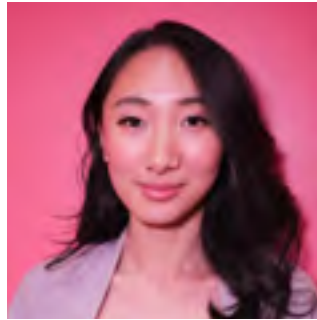
—  
**Co-Chair of 2022  
Leaders' Summit**

# Our Speakers (continued)



**Arlene Chan**

—  
Author and  
Chinatown  
Historian



**Andrea Jin**

—  
Stand-up  
Comedian and  
2022 Juno Winner  
for Comedy Album  
of the Year



**Honourable  
Michael  
Chong**

—  
Member of  
Parliament



**Honourable  
Michael Lee**

—  
MLA for the  
Legislative  
Assembly of  
British Columbia



**Honourable  
Gary Mar,  
Executive  
Council of  
Alberta**

—  
President and  
CEO, Canada  
West Foundation  
and Former  
Cabinet Minister  
and MLA of the  
Alberta Legislative  
Assembly



**Victor Lau**

—  
Former leader of  
the Saskatchewan  
Green Party



**Chan Hon Goh**

—  
Director for Goh  
Ballet Academy &  
Youth Company  
Canada

# Our Speakers (continued)



**Dr. Ava Hill**

Former Elected  
Chief of the  
56th and 57th  
Six Nations  
Elected Council



**Lili Liu**

Dean of the  
Faculty of  
Health at the  
University of  
Waterloo



**Chief  
Stacey  
Laforme**

Chief of the  
Mississaugas of  
the Credit First  
Nation (MCFN)



**Patti Pon**

President  
and CEO,  
Calgary Arts  
Development

*The first Chinese  
Canadian CEO  
of Calgary Arts  
Development*



**Jonathan  
Davey**

Vice President  
of Indigenous  
Financial  
Services,  
Scotiabank



**Kai Liu**

President of  
the Indigenous  
Police Chiefs  
of Ontario  
Association  
(IPCO)

*First Chief of Police  
with Taiwanese  
descent*



**Dr. Jia Hu**

Public Health  
and Preventive  
Medicine  
Specialist  
Physician and  
the CEO of 19  
To Zero



**Lieutenant-  
General  
M.A.J.  
Carignan**

Chief of  
Professional  
Conduct and  
Culture for  
the Canadian  
Armed Forces

More to come! Learn more about our speakers here - <https://acctfoundation.ca/summit/speakers/>



# Highlights

## Highlights of this Summit will include:

- In-depth discussion with prominent Chinese Canadians leaders on:
  - Chinese Canadians in Unexpected Places
  - Do you know what you don't know?
  - Being comfortable in our own skin
- Intercultural dialogue with Indigenous people and Japanese Canadians
- Virtual Tour of the Mohawk Institute Residential School
- National roundtable on Saving Canada's Chinatowns



## Venue

The Summit will be held at the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto.

It is conveniently located in Scarborough and has plenty of free parking space.

Address: 5183 Sheppard Ave E, Scarborough, ON M1B 5Z5

Website: <https://www.cccgt.org>

# Schedule

## Day 1 - 27 Oct 2022

🕒 05:00pm - 09:00pm

### **National Roundtable on Saving Canada's Disappearing Chinatowns**

There has been an enormous effort across the country to save Chinatowns in major cities. This roundtable will provide an opportunity for all groups to come together to discuss what they have been doing and what needs to be done to protect and conserve Canada's Chinatowns.



# Schedule (continued)

## Day 2 - 28 Oct 2022

🕒 08:00am - 09:00am

**Breakfast and Mingle**

🕒 09:00am - 12:00pm

**Learning to be Better Allies for Truth and Reconciliation**

👤 Jonathan Davy, Dr. Ava Hill,  
Chief Stacey Laforme, Patti Pon

We kick off our Summit with an in-depth discussion to enhance our understanding of the historical ties and collaboration between Chinese Canadians and Canada's Indigenous people, in line with the efforts of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

🕒 12:00pm - 1:00pm

**Lunch and Mingle**

🕒 1:00pm - 4:00pm

**The Japanese Canadian Experience - A Story of Hope, Resilience, and Growth**

👤 Su Yen Chong, Albert Wong

Su Yuen Chong from the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre will lead a discussion on the Japanese Canadians' experience with legislated racial discrimination and the community's continuous efforts to promote understanding, human rights and social justice.

🕒 4:00pm - 4:30pm

**Break**

🕒 4:30pm - 5:45pm

**Film Screening**

We will be screening the film "All Our Father's Relations" by Alejandro Yoshizawa.

🕒 5:45pm - 6:00pm

**Closing Remarks**

# Schedule (continued)

## Day 3 - 29 Oct 2022

🕒 08:00am - 09:00am

**Breakfast and Mingle**

🕒 09:00am - 10:00am

**Chinese Canadians' History**

👤 Andi Shi, Arlene Chan

A deep dive into Chinese Canadians' history and key issues that we face.

🕒 10:00am - 10:45am

**Chinese Canadians in Unexpected Places**

👤 Albert Wong, Chief Kai Liu,  
Chan Hon Goh

In this session, we will hear from Chinese Canadian leaders who show up in unexpected places.

🕒 10:45am - 12:00pm

**Breakout Sessions**

🕒 12:00pm - 1:30pm

**Lunch and Mingle**

🕒 12:00pm - 1:30pm

**Plenary Speakers' Lunch**

🕒 1:30pm - 2:15pm

**Do You Know What You Don't Know?**

👤 Dean Lili Liu, Yung Wu

What is it like to have a seat at the table as a Chinese Canadian? In this session, we talk to leaders about their journeys, surprises and have a conversation on whether our cultural heritage has prepared us to be at the top.

🕒 2:15pm - 2:20pm

**Break**

# Schedule (continued)

## Day 3 - 29 Oct 2022

🕒 2:20pm - 3:05pm

**Being Comfortable in Your Own Skin**

👤 Zexi Li, Patti Pon, Andrea Jin

Are you ready to bring your Chineseness in your leadership journey? Is Canada ready for us?

🕒 3:05pm - 3:15pm

**Break**

🕒 3:15pm - 4:30pm

**Breakout Sessions**

🕒 4:30pm - 5:00pm

**Closing Remarks**

👤 Lieutenant-General M.A.J.  
Carignan

🕒 5:00pm - 7:00pm

**Networking Reception**

# Schedule (continued)

## Day 4 - 30 Oct 2022

🕒 8:00am - 9:00am

**Breakfast and Mingle**

🕒 9:00am - 10:00am

**Is Canada Ready For Us?**

👤 Hon. Michael Lee - MLA,  
Hon. Michael Chong - MP,  
Hon. Gary Mar Executive  
Council of Alberta,  
Victor Lau

Hear from four Chinese Canadian leaders who ran for political party leadership and their thoughts on whether Canada is ready for Chinese Canadians to take the helm.

🕒 10:00am - 11:30am

**Call to Action**

🕒 11:30am - 12:00pm

**Break / Lunch**

🕒 12:00pm - 1:00pm

**Closing**

Programming subject to change. Please check our website for the most up-to-date information.

**Join us.**

**Be ready to be aspired to lead.**

**Canada needs you.**

**It's your turn to step up, and we will be with you every step of the way.**

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